

RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL:

IN REGARD TO PRESCRIBING ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS

At the February meeting of the Council of The New York Academy of Medicine the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Alcoholic liquors have a definite medicinal value, and

WHEREAS, Such liquors must be suitable for beverage use in order to fulfil such valuable therapeutic uses, and

WHEREAS, Distilled spirits and fermented liquors, both vinous and malted, have medicinal and nutritive value, be it

RESOLVED, That The New York Academy of Medicine would approve of such an amendment to the so-called Prohibition Laws as shall permit physicians to prescribe all such spirituous, vinous and malt liquors for medicinal purposes without limitation except by the laws of the several states, and be it further

RESOLVED, That The New York Academy of Medicine would approve of such legislation as will return the control of the practice of medicine to the several states

RESOLVED, That the above resolution be published in the Bulletin of The New York Academy of Medicine and that copies be sent prior to said publication, to the press and to the Senators from New York State and the representatives in Congress from New York City, and such other members of the Congress as the sub-Committee Appointed to Consider Legislation in Regard to Medicinal Alcohol deems wise

RESOLVED, That copies of the resolution be sent to the Secretaries of the Medical Societies of the various counties in New York State

RESOLVED, That if a bill be introduced in Congress which will restore the rights of the States in regard to the practice of medicine, the President of the Academy be authorized to appoint representatives of the Academy to further the advancement of such legislation.

UNETHICAL PRACTICE—AMBULANCE FEES

It has been reported to the Council of the Academy by the Committee on Public Health Relations that the Association of Private Ambulance Companies has brought to the attention of the staff of the Academy that it is a common practice for physicians to receive or demand a commission from the private ambulance companies for ambulance service rendered to a patient.

This is to advise you that the Council disapproves of this practice because it is unethical and contrary to the best interests of the profession.

FOSTER KENNEDY

Secretary
